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Re Legat, Havana letters to Bureau dated
6/20 and 7/16/58. (u)

The following is a translation of an item
which appeared on June 15, 1958 in the column "RELOJ"
of the "Diario Las Americas", a Spanish language
newspaper published in Miami Springs, Florida.

"May 19--The command of WILLIAM ALEXANDER MORGAN
has been fighting for a long time against army
forces in the zone between the Soledad Central
and the South Circuit. MORGAN's men, excellently
trained by him, a World War II veteran,
attacked the soldiers, causing many casualties
among them and seizing a large number of weapons
from them. The wounded were transferred in
trucks the same evening to Cienfuegos." (u)

On July 2, 1958, RENE VIERA, PSI, who runs
the column "RELOJ" in the "Diario Las Americas" advised
he has no information concerning the background of the
subject. VIERA states he receives letters from the
Escambray Front in Cuba via couriers from time to time
which describes the fighting in that area. VIERA states
he believes he received such a letter from the subject
approximately six months ago. VIERA states the letter
published in his column on June 15 was probably written
by some unknown individual in the Escambray Front. He

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no longer has the letter. He states it is common for members of the rebel groups to send letters via couriers in order to have them published in the column as a means of keeping the Cuban element in Miami informed of the activities of the rebels in Cuba. (S)(u)

VIERA stated he may possibly be able to obtain information concerning the subject from some of the couriers who come to Miami periodically. He states he will contact the Miami Office in the event he obtains further information concerning the subject. (S)(u)

On July 14, 1958, RENE VIERA was recontacted and advised he has unconfirmed information that the subject was a room mate of PETER KORENDA (PH), an American tourist who was killed during the attack on the Presidential Palace on March 13, 1957. VIERA states both MORGAN and KORENDA were living at the Sevilla Biltmore in Havana at the time. (S)(u)

On July 2, 1958, MM 639-S advised he has never heard of the subject, but will contact the Miami Office if he should obtain any information concerning him. (S)(u)

On July 3, 1958, JOSE LUIS VARONA, 2100 N. W. 7th Street, member of the Directorio Revolucionario, furnished SA RAYMOND L. ACOSTA a copy of the "13 de MARZO" (13th of March), official organ of the Directorio which shows a picture of one "HENRY" MORGAN in the center of a group of Cuban rebels at the Escambray front. VARONA advised the caption is in error and the name should be WILLIAM MORGAN. VARONA states he knows that an American by the name of MORGAN is a leader of one of the columns at the Escambray Front. VARONA states MORGAN is supposed to be a Judo expert who is very adept with a knife and is believed to be an ex-commando because he instructs the men in commando tactics. (S)(u)

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VARONA states he believes MORGAN is from Ohio and has a wife and two children whose whereabouts are unknown. (S)(u)

VARONA advised he would contact the Miami Office if he obtains any further information concerning the background of MORGAN. (S)(u)

On July 8, 1958, MM 635-S advised he has never heard of the subject, but will contact the Miami Office if he should obtain any information concerning him. (S)(u)

On July 10, 1958, IC CLIFFORD M. WERNER advised there is no arrest or credit record for the subject in Miami. (u)

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It is suggested Legat, Havana make inquiries at the Sevilla Biltmore Hotel concerning the subject, as it is believed he was living there during March, 1957. (S)(u)

Two photos of subject are being furnished to Bureau for forwarding to the Legat, Havana. (S)(u)

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